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Shreveport, La.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
SOUTH, HELD IN SHREVEPORT, LA., DECEMBER
26, 1849 to January 1, 1850.

J O U R N A L

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, December 26, 1849

Opening: The fourth session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its sitting in the town of Shreveport, Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, on the 26th. of December 1849, at 9 o'clock A. M., in the Methodist Church, Bishop Capers presiding, by whom the Conference was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

Roll Call: The President requested the Secretary of the last Conference to call the roll, and the following members answered to their names, viz:

Henry Avery	Charles J. Hallberg
Richard M. Crowson	David Kinnear
Wm. H. Crenshaw	John C. Keener
Richard During	H. N. McTyeire
Wm. C. Doty	Fred. P. Nixon
Moses Davis	John Powell
Philo M. Goodwyn	John Pipes
Wm. R. Gober	Richmond Randle

Alexander E. Goodwyn	Robert H. Reid
John M. Hofer	Lewis A. Reid
John N. Hamill	Samuel W. Speer
John W. Harmon	Joel Sanders
Robert J. Harp	Reynolds Trippett
Samuel Hawes	Zechariah Thompson

Organization: The Conference proceeded to the election of Secretary. W. H. Crenshaw, John N. Hamill, John C. Keener, John W. Harmon, and Lewis A. Reid were put in nomination, and on balloting, John N. Hamill received a majority of the votes cast, and was declared duly elected.

Hours of Meeting: Resolved, That we meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at half-past 12 o'clock P. M. of each day.

COMMITTEES

Stewards: Joel Sanders, H. Avery, and P. M. Goodwyn.

Religious Services: Wm. E. Doty, and R. H. Reid.

Books and Periodicals: Wm. R. Gober and John W. Harmon

Bible Cause: John Pipes and R. J. Harp.

Education: John C. Keener, Holland N. McTyre and R. Trippett.

Memoir of Tostrick: John N. Hamill was appointed to write a memoir of Brother W. Tostrick.

Courtesy: Rev. Benjamin M. Drake D.D. of the Mississippi Conference, was cordially invited to a seat within the Conference.

Committee on Sabbath Schools: Charles J. Hallberg and Fred P. Nixon were appointed a Committee on Sabbath Schools.

From Book Concern: The Bishop presented an exhibit of the Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from Rev. John Early, Agent, which was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Southern Christian Advocate: An exhibit of the state of the Southern Christian Advocate by Rev. Samuel Wrag Capers, Chairman of the Publishing Committee, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

From Drs. Wightman and Summers: A communication was received from Drs. Wightman and Summers, Editors of the Southern Christian Advocate, which was read.

Committee on Post Offices: David Kinhear was appointed a Committee on Post Offices.

Centenary College: A report was received from the Joint Board of Trustees of Centenary College of Louisiana, giving an account of the condition of the College, which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Bar: On motion the bar of the Conference was designated.

Closed Doors: Resolved, That we sit with closed doors during the examination of character.

Readmitted: Dr. Samuel W. Speer presented the certificate of location of Brother Philip H. Diffenwierth, a local elder, and he was readmitted.

Admitted on Trial: The first question: Who are admitted on trial? Brother L. Parker was recommended by the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference of the McGehee Church, New Orleans, and he was admitted. John Paule was recommended by the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference of the German Mission, New Orleans District, and he was admitted. Wm. A. Manly was recommended by the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference of Boeuff Prairie Circuit, Monroe District, and he was not admitted.

Resolution Concerning Employment of Manly: Resolved, That the Presiding Elder be permitted to employ him. (Wm. A. Manly)

Admitted: Elisha Waller was recommended by the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference of Monroe Circuit, Monroe District, and he was admitted.

Remaining on Trial: The second question: Who remain on trial? was taken up. Bro. Henderson a Morse was called and the

following resolution was presented by Brothers Sanders and Crenshaw, viz:

Resolved, That we disapprove of the course of Brother Henderson A. Morse in neglecting his work to attend to other engagements, and that he be required to commence his probation anew.

Adjournment: While the resolution was pending, the Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing and the benediction by Bishop Capers.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, December 27,

1849

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Rev. R. During. Bishop Capers in the Chair. The roll was called and the Journal of yesterday was read, corrected, and adopted:

Communication from Joppa Lodge. No. 10 F. and A. M. A communication was received from the committee in behalf of Joppa Lodge No. 10 A. Y. M., requesting the Conference to unite with them in the celebration of St. John's Day.

Resolved, That the Secretary return an answer to the Masonic Fraternity, through their committee, thanking them for the

invitation to attend their celebration on this day, and respectfully declining the same in consequence of pressing business.

Communication from Revs. McFerrin and Henkle: A communication was received from Revs. McFerrin and Henkle, Editors of the N. C. Advocate and Southern Ladies Companion; also from John McClellan an exhibit of the N. C. Advocate office up to August 15, 1849, both of which was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Case of H. A. Morse: The case of Brother Henderson A. Morse was taken up, and the motion of Brother Sanders and Crenshaw which was pending when the Conference adjourned on yesterday, was so amended as to read:

Resolved: That Brother H. A. Morse be required to commence his probation anew. The character of Brother Morse was passed.

Stewards' Call: The Stewards of Conference called for the claims and receipts of the preachers.

Resolved, That the Stewards of Conference be authorized to draw on Brothers McFerrin and Henkle for the sum of one hundred dollars, and we hereby order the same.

Remaining on Trial: The Conference re-

sumed the second question. Brother Henry Mixer was called and as he had not been before the committee the case was passed over for the present.

Third Question: The third question was taken up. Brother W. J. Thurber was called and he asked to be discontinued. It was moved that he be discontinued on account of inacceptability, which was not adopted. Brother James L. Wright was called and as he had not been before the committee the case was passed over for the present.

Fourth Question: The Fourth Question was taken up. The names of Brothers Thomas J. Lacy, Holland N. McTygler and Reynolds Trippett were called, and their characters examined and passed, and they were elected to elder's orders. Brothers Daniel S. Watkins and Uriah Whatley were called and their characters were examined and passed.

Adjournment: The hour of adjournment having arrived, Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing, and the benediction by Bishop Capers.

THIRD DAY

Friday, December 28.

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Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by reading the Scrip-

tures, singing, and prayer by Brother W. H. Crenshaw, Bishop Capers in the chair. The roll was called and the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Third question Resumed: The third question resumed. And Brother James L. Wright was called and his character was examined, passed, and after examination by the Bishop before the Conference, he was admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders.

Introduction: Brother I. C. Wollam, of the Eastern Texas Conference, was introduced to the Conference. Brother Wm. J. Ferguson, a transfer from the Kentucky Conference to the Louisiana Conference, was introduced to the Conference by Bishop Capers and recommended to our Conference.

Remaining on Trial: The second question was resumed. The name of Brother Henry Mixer was again called, and his character examined and passed, and he is continued on trial.

Character: The Conference went into an examination of the character of the elders.

Superannuated: The name of Byron Benton was called, and his character was examined and passed, and, on motion, was granted a superannuated relation to the Conference.

D. F. Lewis: The character of Dabney F. Lewis was examined and passed.

Shattuck Located: David O. Shattuck was called and his character examined and passed, and Brother W. H. Crenshaw asked a location for him, which was granted.

Weems Located: Brother John J. Weems was called and his character examined and passed, and Brother Powell asked a location for him, which was granted.

W. H. Crenshaw: Brother W. H. Crenshaw Presiding Elders of the Baton Rouge District, was called, who gave a good account of the work of God in his district. His character was examined and passed.

Crowson and Davies: Richard M. Crowson and Stephen J. Davies were called and their characters examined and passed.

Richard During: Brother Richard During P. E. of New Orleans District, was called, who gave a good account of the work of God in his district, and his character was examined and passed.

William E. Doty: Brother William E. Doty, P. E. of the Shreveport District was called, he represented the work of God as being on the advance in his district, and his character was examined and passed.

Other Elders: The characters of John B. Eddins, Wm. R. Gober, Philo M. Goodwyn, Cyprian Gridley, Jesse A. Guice, John N. Hamill, John W. Harmon, Robert J. Harp, Samuel Hawes, John N. Hofer,

Wilson W. Jenkins, John C. Keener, David Kinnear, Alamrion G. Miller, Frederick P. Nixon, and John Pipes were examined and passed.

John Powell: John Powell, Presiding Elder of the Opelousas District, gave an account of the work of God on his District; his character was passed.

Richmond Randle: Richmond Randle gave an account of his district, his character was passed.

Others: Richard H. Rivers, and Robert H. Reid were called and their characters examined and passed. Lewis A. Reid was called and his character examined and passed.

Continued as Superannuate: Thomas Sanford was called, A communication from him was read, his character was passed, and, on motion, he was continued in a superannuate relation to the Conference.

Sanders and Smith: Joel Sanders' and W.A. Smith's characters were examined and passed.

Hour of adjournment Changed: On motion that part of the resolution fixing the hour for adjournment was reconsidered, and the hour of 12 o'clock was agreed upon as the hour of adjournment.

Afternoon Session Ordered: Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

Continued as Superannuate: William Stephenson's character was examined and passed, and on motion, is continued in a superannuated relation to the Conference.

Southerland Located: Alexander Southerland was called and his character passed, and he was located at his own request.

Adjournment: The hour of adjournment having arrived, Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing, and the benediction by Bishop Capers.

THIRD DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, December 28.

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Opening: Conference met at half past 2 o'clock P. M., and was opened with reading the Scriptures, and prayer by John Powell, Bishop Capers presiding. The roll was called and the Journal of the forenoon was read and approved.

Character Resumed: The examination of the character of elders was resumed.

Davis Supernumerary: Moses Davis was called and his character passed, and he was, on motion, granted a supernumerary relation to the Conference.

Wm. H. Turnley: Wm. H. Turnley was called. A letter from him was received, and read, and the following preamble and

resolution were presented, viz:

Whereas, Certain rumours have reached this Conference affecting the character of Wm. H. Turnley, therefore, Resolved, That the case be referred to the Presiding Elder of the district where he resides for investigation according to Discipline. Which was adopted.

Thirteenth Question: The thirteenth question was taken up.

Adjournment: And while the question was pending, the Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by Bishop Capers.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday, December 29, 1849

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A.M., and opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by R. Randle. Bishop Capers presiding. The roll was called, and the Journal of last evening were read and approved.

Statistics: The Conference resumed the thirteenth question, which resulted as follows:

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Local Deacons and Elders: The President called for recommendations of local preachers for deacon's and elder's orders. Zebulon Harmon was recommended by the fourth Quarterly Conference of Baton Rouge Station, Baton Rouge District, for deacon's orders, and he was elected. Drury S. Nance was recommended by the fourth Quarterly Conference of Caddo and Mansfield Circuit for deacon's orders, and he was elected.

Turnley Superannuated: On motion, the preamble and resolution of yesterday, referring the case of W. H. Turnley to the P. E. of the district where he resides for trial, was reconsidered. On motion, his character was passed and he was continued in a superannuated relation.

Delegates to General Conference: The Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On balloting, Wm. E. Doty, Samuel W. Speer, Richmond Randle, and John N. Hamill received a majority of votes and were declared duly elected.

Whatley Supernumerary: On motion, Uriah Whatley was placed in a supernumerary relation to the Conference.

Reserve Delegates: On motion of John N. Hamill, the Conference went into the election of two reserve delegates, and John Powell and Richard During were elected.

Sunday Services: The appointments for divers services in the different churches for to-morrow were announced by W. E. Doty.

Adjournment: On Motion, Conference adjourned to meet at half past 2 o'clock this evening. And was closed with the benediction by Bishop Capers.

FOURTH DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, December 29, 1849

Opening: Conference met at half past 2 o'clock P. M., and was opened by reading the Scriptures, and prayer by John B. Eddins, Bishop Capers presiding.

Calling Roll Discontinued: On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with during the remainder of the ensuing sessions.

Minutes: The Journal of the forenoon was read and approved.

Place of Next Meeting: The eighteenth question was taken up, and New Orleans, Bastrop, and Thibodeaux and Opelousas were put in nomination. New Orleans was selected as the place at which the next session of our Conference is to be held.

Books and Periodicals: The Committee on Books and Periodicals presented their report, which was read, and the following resolution, viz: .

Resolved: , That our delegates to the General Conference be instructed to use their best endeavors of exertions to procure the establishment of one of our church papers in the city of New Orleans. Which was adopted. The report was amended and adopted.

Bible Cause: The Committee on the Bible Cause presented their report, which was read. The first resolution, which reads thus:

Resolved, That when there are Bible agents among us; we will heartily cooperate with them, was adopted.

The second resolution was amended so as to read thus:

Resolved: That either with or without the assistance of agents we will, in the course of the year, take up collections in all of charges for the aid of the cause, and will report the amounts so collected at the next Annual Conference. And was adopted. The report was amended and adopted.

Sunday Schools: The Committee on the Sunday School Cause presented their report. The following resolutions were presented by the committee:

Resolved, first, That we continue to use our exertions for the promotion of the Sabbath School cause.

Resolved, secondly, That the publication of a Sunday School Advocate in connection

with our church is desirable.

Resolved, thirdly, That our delegates to the General Conference be instructed to use their best endeavors to establish a Sunday School department in the Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And all of which was adopted.

Resolution Concerning Addresses: The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Conference, when they reach their fields of labor, report as soon as they be able, to the publishers of our several papers the Post Offices in their respective circuits.

Resolved, That we take up collections in the month of February next for the purpose of defraying the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference, and that we forward the same to some one of the delegates. Both of which were adopted.

Case of Curtiss: On motion:

Resolved, That in the trial of the appeal case of William M. Curtiss, the Conference will hear him by his selected representatives, the Hon. Thomas H. Lewis and Rev. Benjamin M. Drake, D. D.

Adjournment: On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by Bishop Capers.

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Henry Avery. Bishop Capers presiding. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Journal of Saturday evening was read and approved.

Stewards' Report: The Stewards of Conference presented their report, which was adopted. The fourteenth question was taken up and from the Stewards' report it was ascertained that the sum of two thousand three hundred and seventeen dollars and forty cents is the amount necessary to meet the claims.

Fifteenth Question: The fifteenth question was taken up, which was answered as follows:

Conference Collections -	\$113.25
From Nashville C. A.	100.00
	213.25

And was disposed of as follows:

To the Bishop	\$175.00
Thos. Sanford	8.10
W. H. Turnley	9.20
Jno. J. Weems	6.35
Wm. Stephenson	3.35
Sister Page	3.35
Sister Brown and	
2 children	4.70

The Stewards of Conference reported the sum of \$5.21 on hand, which was, on mo-

tion, appropriated to Sister Tostrick.

Inviting General Conference to New Orleans: The following preamble and resolution were presented:

Whereas, The Quarterly Conference of the several charges in New Orleans having requested this Conference to ask the General Conference to hold its sessions for 1854 in that city, and therefore,

Resolved, That we concur with our brethren of New Orleans and instruct our delegates to present our request to the General Conference, which was adopted.

Memoir of Tostrick: Brother J. M. Hofer presented the memoir of Brother Tostrick, which was read and adopted.

Concerning Bounds of Louisiana Conference: The following was presented by Dr. Samuel W. Speer:

Resolved: That this Conference request our delegates to the next General Conference to respectfully memorialize the said General Conference to change the bounds of the Louisiana Conference so as to embrace within its limits that portion of Louisiana which is now included in the bounds of the Mississippi Conference.

Brother B. H. Diffenwierth presented an amendment to the foregoing resolution to except that part of East Feliciana Parish now occupied by Centenary College, which amendment was laid on the table,

and the motion of Dr. Speer was adopted.

Case of Curtiss: The Conference took up the appeal case of W. M. Curtiss, a local elder who had been tried by the first Quarterly Conference of E. Steel, Andrews and Lafayette Chapels Charge, and expelled from the church in 1849. R. During, Presiding Elder of the New Orleans District, presented the papers of the trial in order, and the papers marked A. B. C. D. E. F. O. and P. were read in order.

Afternoon Session Ordered: On motion, resolved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at half past 2 o'clock P. M.

Reading of Curtiss Papers Resumed: The reading of the papers in the appeal case of Curtiss was resumed, and the paper marked R was read.

Adjournment: Notices were given out, and Conference adjourned, and was closed by singing, and prayer by Bishop Capers.

SIXTH DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Monday, December 31, 1849.

Opening: Conference met at half past 2 o'clock and was opened with reading the Scriptures, and prayer by W. R. Gober. Bishop Capers presiding. The

Journal of the forenoon was read and approved.

Claimants Paid: The Stewards of Conference asked leave to distribute the amounts appropriated to the claimants, which was granted:

Richmond Randle received the appropriation to Thos. Sanford.

John N. Hamill received the appropriation to W. H. Turnley.

John B. Eddins received the appropriation to W. Stephenson.

Richard During received the appropriation to Sister Page.

Richard During received the appropriation to Sister Bruner.

To Mrs. Tostrick: On motion, Resolved, That the amount appropriated to Sister Brown be appropriated to Sister Tostrick, which was done and placed in the hands of Richard During.

Case of Curtiss Resumed: The reading of the papers in the appeal case of W. M. Curtiss was resumed. Documents marked S. G. and H. were read. Documents I and K which had been read in the body of the minutes, were presented and filed. Documents T. and L. were presented and read. Documents N. H. N. O. together with documents M were presented and read. and thus ended the reading of the minutes of

the trial of W. M. Curtiss by the E. Steele, Andrews Chapel and Lafayette Charge Quarterly Conference. The appellant, W. M. Curtiss, by one of his representatives, B. M. Drake, D. D., proceeded to state the grounds of the appeal and addressed the Conference. Before Dr. Drake had concluded, the Conference adjourned.

Adjournment: And was closed with singing, and the benediction by Bishop Capers.

SEVENTH DAY

Tuesday, Januray 1, 1850

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by David Kinneer, Bishop Capers presiding. The roll was called and the Journal of yesterday evening was read and approved.

Case of Curtiss Resumed: The appeal case of W. M. Curtiss was resumed and Dr. Drake, who had the floor when the Conference adjourned last evening, appeared for the appellant and addressed the Conference. At the close of his address, Holland N. McTyeire addressed the Conference in defense of the action of the Quarterly Conference. The appellant appeared by his representative, the Hon. Thomas H. Lewis, who addressed the Conference, and while he was speaking -

Afternoon Session Ordered On motion,

Resolved, That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at half past two o'clock P. M., this evening. It was further moved and seconded that we prolong the session until one o'clock P. M. which was carried also.

Lewis Continues: Brother Lewis continued his address.

Adjournment: Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by Bishop Capers.

SEVENTH DAY. * AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening: Conference met at half past 2 o'clock, and was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Bro. John C. Burress. The Journal of the forenoon was read and approved.

Committees of Examination: The Bishop appointed the following committees of examination, viz:

First year - Henry Avery, R. M. Crowson,
Moses Davis.

Second Year: W. R. Gober, Philo M. Goodwyn, and R. J. Harp.

Third Year: John W. Harmon, John Pipes,
R. H. Reid.

Fourth Year: John C. Keener, John Powell,
Lewis a Reid.

Case of Curtiss Resumed: The appeal of

W. M. Curtiss was again taken up and the Hon. Thos. H. Lewis resumed his remarks. After pleading had ended, the Bishop respectfully informed the visitors present that the Conference was to determine this matter with closed doors. The visitors then retired. And the following resolution was presented by Samuel W. Speer and John N. Hamill, viz:

Resolved: That we, the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference, held in Shreveport, La. commencing on the 26th day of December, 1849, in the case of the appeal of Rev. Wm. M. Curtiss from the decision of the First Quarterly Conference Meeting, held for Elijah Steele and Lafayette Charge for the year 1849, by which Quarterly Meeting Conference, the said Wm. M. Curtiss is expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the charges of disobedience to the order and Discipline of the Church, and of an assault and battery on the person of John W. Crockett and Charles Waters, and a denial of the same, and from which decision the said Wm. M. Curtiss appealed to the Louisiana Annual Conference, do hereby reverse and annul the decision of the said Quarterly Conference, by which the said Wm. M. Curtiss was expelled from the M. E. Church, South. Because the evidence in the case as found in the minutes of the trial of said Curtiss does not sustain the charges and specifications. Which was put to vote, and the votes being equaled, was not carried. It was moved

and seconded the decision of the Quarterly Conference, by which Wm. M. Curtiss was expelled from the church be confirmed, which was put to vote, and the votes being equal, was not carried.

Adjournment: Conference adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening, and was closed with the benediction by Bishop Capers.

SEVENTH DAY - NIGHT SESSION

Tuesday, January 1, 1850

Opening: Conference met at 7 o'clock P.M. and was opened by reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Joel Sanders. Bishop Capers in the chair.

Case of Curtiss Continued: The appeal case of Wm. M. Curtiss was resumed. It was moved and seconded that the decision of the Quarterly Meeting Conference in the case of Rev. W. M. Curtiss be reversed. The following was proposed as a substitute, viz:

Whereas the first Quarterly Meeting Conference for Elijah Steele Charge, New Orleans did entertain and decide upon the charges preferred against Rev. W. M. Curtiss, the first for disobedience to the constituted authorities of the church, and the second for immorality in committing an assault and battery, and did find him guilty, and expelled him from the church, from which decision he has prosecuted his appeal to this Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we disapprove the action of the Quarterly Conference in finding guilt and expelling upon the first; and we do find the second charge sustained and therefore we confirm the decision of the Quarterly Conference in the case. Which was put and lost. The original was then put, and, on counting the votes, were found to be equal. Bro W. H. Crenshaw, who had not voted, asked to be excused, which was not granted. He then cast his vote in favor of the resolution to reverse the decision of the Quarterly Conference in the appeal case of W. M. Curtiss. Brother H. N. McTyeire moved to have the votes recorded in the appeal case of W. M. Curtiss, which was put and lost.

Education: The Committee on Education presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. The following resolutions were presented in their report and adopted:

1. Resolved, That we will aid to the utmost of our ability in endowing a professorship in the Centenary College of Louisiana.
2. Resolved, That we will afford every facility to the Agent of the College when he may be within the bounds of our Conference, to collect money and to secure all the objects of his appointment.
3. Resolved, That a committee of three visitors be appointed to attend the next

Annual Commencement.

Committee of Visitors: The Bishop appointed Samuel W. Speer, H. N. McTyeire, and W. H. Crenshaw a visiting committee of Centenary College.

Thanks: Whereas, The citizens of Shreveport have kindly entertained us during the session of our Conference,

Resolved, That we are grateful to them for their kindness toward us during our stay among them and that we will gratefully remember them in our prayers to Almighty God, and that the preacher in charge be requested to read the resolution from the pulpit next Sabbath.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the Minister and members of the Baptist Church of this place for the use of their church during the session of Conference, and that they be furnished with a certified copy of this resolution. Both of which were adopted.

Day of Fasting and Prayer Ordered: Resolved, That the last Friday in April next be observed as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God.

Credentials of Curtiss Restored:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to return the credentials of Rev. Wm. M. Curtiss.

Appointments: The Bishop gave out a hymn, sang, prayed and announced the

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the following:

A P P O I N T M E N T S

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APPOINTMENTS

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Presiding Elder

1. Poydras Street

2. Colored Charge

3. Elijah Steele Chapel

4. Moreau Street

5. First German Mission

6. Second German Mission

7. Algiers

John C. Keener.

John C. Keener

David Kinneer

Holland N. McTyreire

Wm. R. Gober

John M. Hofer

John Paule

Zachariah Thompson.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Presiding Elder

1. Baton Rouge

2. Baton Rouge Colored Mission

3. West Baton Rouge

4. Plaquemine and Donaldsonville

5. Lafourche

6. Lafourche Colored Mission

7. Houma

8. Preston's Colored Mission

9. Centenary College

W. H. Crenshaw.

John N. Harmon

To be Supplied

Samuel Hawes

R. J. Harp

W. J. Ferguson.

J. A. Reid

H. A. Morse.

John Pipes

R. H. Rims and A. G. Miller.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT

Presiding Elder

1. Opelousas
2. Opelousas Colored Mission
3. Vermillion
4. Newtown and Franklin
5. Pattersonville
6. Chicot
7. Alexandria
8. Alexandria Colored Mission
9. Haw Creek Mission
10. Calcasieu Mission

R. During.
 C. A. Frayze
 To be Supplied
 R. Trippett.
 P. M. Goodwyn.
 Fred P. Nixon.
 D. F. Sims
 S. J. Davies.
 Cyprian Gridley.
 To be Supplied.
 To be supplied.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Presiding Elder

1. Shreveport
2. Caddo
3. Mansfield
4. Natchitoches
5. Red River
6. Minden
7. Bossier

W. E. Doty.
 R. H. Read
 H. Avery.
 John Powell.
 D. S. Watkins.
 W. A. Smity.
 R. Randle.
 Joel Sanders.

MONROE DISTRICT

Presiding Elder

1. Monroe and Colored Mission - Jno.C. Eddins & John N. Hamill.
 2. Jackson & Elisha Waller
 3. Bastrop Thomas J. Lacy.
 4. Farmerville A. E. Goodwyn.
 5. Darbonne J. L. Wright.
 6. Columbia Uriah Whatley.
 7. Boeuff Prairie Moses Davis.
- P. H. Diffenwirth.

VIDALIA DISTRICT

Presiding Elder

1. Vidalia Samuel W. Speer.
2. Vidalia Colored Mission Henry Mixer.
3. Trinity To be Supplied.
4. Tensas To be Supplied.
5. Waterproof J. A. Guice
6. Richmond and Madison Colored Mission W. W. Jenkins.
7. Lake Providence Linus Parker
8. Monticello C. J. Hallberg.

Adjournment: On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

John N. Hamill, Secretary - W. Capers, President.

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STATISTICS

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

<u>Charges</u>	Whites	Colored	L. Preacher	S. SCHOOLS	Supts.	Teachers.	SCHOLARS	Vol. In Library.	Missionary Money.	Self-Sup- porting.	SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLEC.	Tract Collection
McGehee	98		1	1	2	20	214	800	\$358.		\$145.	\$84.
Steele L. A.	120	130	2	2	1	17	190	1200	22.		167.	
Algiers	20		1	1	1	8	49	200			28.	
Carrollton												
1st. German	87		2	1	1	7	40		45.			
2nd. German	29		1	1		2	20		8.	1		
Wesley C.		569							346.			
Winans C.	8											
Lahatche	28	160	1	1	1	10		700	100.		24.	24.
Moreau and S.												

VIDALIA DISTRICT

Vidalia	20	125	3	\$90.
Tensas	131	38	2	
Richmond	68	26		
Lake Provi.	30			
Monticello	103	24		
Trinity	152	6		
Tensas Col		91		
Madison Col.		317		160.
Concordia C.		200		